

filing of the petitions. Four persons had one child each, four persons two children each, three persons three children each, and one person eight children. Twelve of these children were born to women who were unmarried when the petitions were filed. Two were born to a woman whose husband had been in prison more than a year prior to the birth of the oldest child, resulting in the marriage terminating in divorce. The mother of the two other children was single at the time of their births but later married the alleged father. The mother of seven children gave birth to her eighth child more than a year following the desertion of her husband. This makes a total of 17 of the 29 children born out of wedlock. Three of the women were known to have had one abortion each. Two women who were pregnant when the petitions were filed desired to be sterilized at the time of confinement.

Of the above 29 children, 5 were deceased when the petitions were filed. Four died during infancy and the fifth died at the age of 15 years in a State institution for epileptics. Of the remaining 24, twenty were with their own parent or parents. Because of the limited ability of their parents, responsibility for rearing four of these twenty children fell upon other persons. The 24 children had the following living arrangements:

With both parents	1
With mother	10
With father	3
With mother and step-father	2
With mother and maternal grand-parents....	1
With mother and maternal grandmother.....	1
With mother and maternal great aunt.....	2
With maternal grandmother	2
With distant relative	1
Placed for adoption	1
Total.....	24

A limited amount of information is available regarding the desirability of the above living arrangements. Some were known to be undesirable. For instance the child living with the mother and maternal grandmother also shared the home with an aunt who was a low-grade imbecile, her twin daughters born out of wedlock, and an uncle who was not strong enough to work, was illiterate, had a serious speech defect and was suspected of being feeble-minded. The home was usually extremely dirty. The mother was unable to provide care or training to the

child leaving this entirely to the grandmother who gave little attention to the child.

Two children not only shared the home with their mother and maternal great aunt but also with five other people. These included a feeble-minded aunt whose intelligence quotient was 27, a great uncle, and three second cousins. Their mother was unable to provide care, having been totally dependent upon her aunt for her own care and support for about nine years.

Seven of the children lived with their mother in "an old dilapidated" house. The mother had the reputation of "running around" and of neglecting her children. They, however, were fairly regular in school attendance and the older children attempted to find odd jobs.

Only a limited amount of information is available regarding the physical and mental condition of the 24 children. In 1947 they fell within the the following age groups:

1 to 5 years.....	9
6 to 10 years.....	6
11 to 15 years.....	3
16 to 20 years.....	5
21 to 25 years.....	1

Total.....	24
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One child at the age of 34 months had not attempted to crawl or talk. Another child when 8 months of age had made no attempt to sit alone. One child at the age of 11 months was said to be usually smiling. She seldom cried and had made no attempt to sit alone. One girl at the age of seven failed in school. It is stated that one girl, 19 years of age, would complete high school the following spring. Five of the children from one family participated in group testing of grade school children. The following are the intelligence quotients received as a result of these tests—57, 63, 76, 82 and 83. One child in a family of three children was known definitely to be feeble-minded.

In three of the 38 cases the operation of asexualization was authorized and performed. In the remaining 35 cases either a vasectomy or salpingectomy was performed. The three cases of asexualization were the two who had been indecently exposing themselves and the one who had been found guilty of incest. All three cases involved boys 15, 16 and 17 years of age. Physicians carefully explained the nature of the operation to the families involved. The parents realized that the operation might produce a marked